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THE FARMERS' OPPORTUNITY.

TO LIQUIDATE SCHOOL DEBT.

Mr. E. D. Smith, President of the Cotton Association, Issues Strong Address.

County's Share of Dispensary Profits to be Diverted to School Debt.

President E. D. Smith, of the South Carolina Cotton Association, has issued an address to the people of the State, urging the farmers to provide for an abundant grain and forage crop and thus secure further independence in the cotton world. Mr. Smith believes the high prices of cotton for two years have enabled the farmers to be in position to provide these supplies, and thus be practically independent of the lien. The statement is as follows:

"After careful investigation as to conditions in this State, I deem it to be my duty to ask every farmer in the State, now that the time has come to prepare for another crop, to take no chances but so lay his plans as to provide for an abundant grain and forage crop. By abundant I mean not only enough to meet the necessary requirements of his laborers and family, but a surplus of it sufficient to provide for the conversion of a part of it into pork and beef, and for the purpose of using this live stock as a means of permanently improving the plantation, reducing the fertilizer bill and the supply bill. The three last years of continued high price cotton has put us into a position where we can make the experiment of an abundance of food and supply crops.

"In looking over the causes that bring about the terrible fight for higher price cotton I have found that the main cause, and perhaps the only cause, when reduced to its last analysis, has been the indebtedness of the producer to the banker and merchant; and in investigating I find that this indebtedness is practically all for those very things which a surplus of food crops on the farm would eliminate. I thought once that, having control of the price of cotton, we could afford to purchase these things. I still think so; but I am convinced that we will never be able to control the price of cotton until we first cease to purchase these things.

"As I have called attention incidentally in another article, the appalling number of liens recorded in this State gives the answer to why so much cotton is put upon the market at a price which the seller knows is not what he is entitled to, but which necessity drives him to take.

"We have made a wonderful fight, and have accomplished a wonderful victory, and with practically the lien debt eliminated and the fertilizer bill largely decreased, means the comparative emancipation and absolute control of the cotton crop by the cotton grower.

"The present outlook is for much higher prices during the spring and summer, and for that reason I fear there will be a tendency on the part of the cotton grower to load himself up again with debt for fertilizer and supplies; and then, in order to make provision to meet with this debt, to load himself up with a big cotton crop, which means a burden too great for him to bear and a consequent sacrifice of what otherwise would be his.

"So without attempting to begin an organized effort, I appeal to the common sense, experience and wisdom of the farmers, and beg each and every one to let's start this year with the determination to provide for the liquidation at home for our hay, grain, meat and fertilizer bill, so that we will be in debt to nobody for these things but ourselves; then next fall let all those who have tried it meet at the fair grounds in Columbia and have an experience meeting as to what our prospects are for next year, based upon the consciousness of having an abundance at home and no pressing obligations to force our cotton on the market at a price less than that indicated.

"I have no doubt of our winning the price for which we stand this year. In no State do I hear of any inclination to weaken, but having so much debt upon us, and being put to so many expedients to borrow money on our cotton in order to meet our obligations, when without this indebtedness and obligations we could meet the issue, settle it at our own good pleasure and be thoroughly independent of all parties, let's try the experiment in the year 1908 in the State of South Carolina. In my visits and communications to the other States I shall insist upon the same thing. E. D. SMITH."

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Final Settlement.

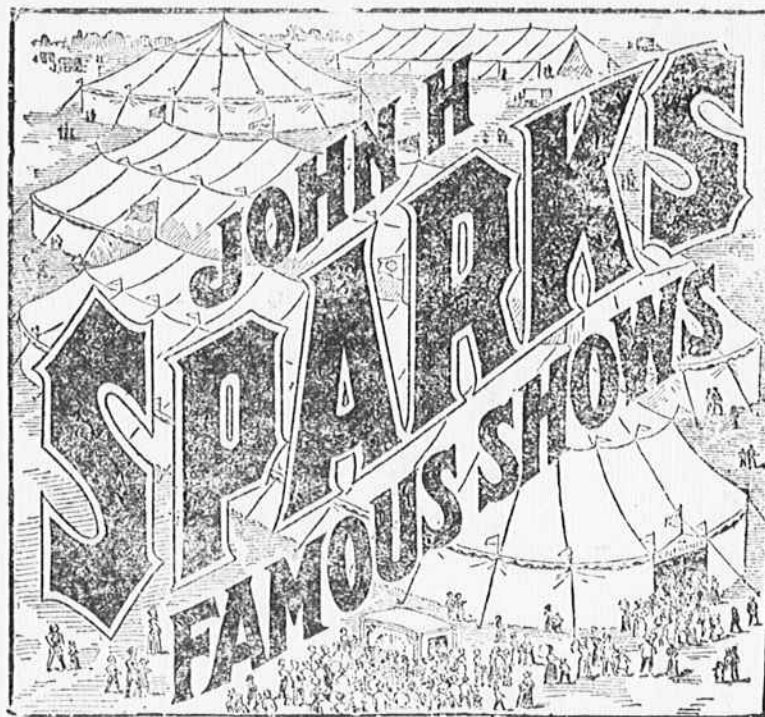
Take notice that on the 21st day of April, 1908, we will render a final account of our acts and doings as administrators of the estate of John Hollingsworth, deceased, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Laurens county at 11 o'clock a. m., and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from our trust as administrators. All persons indebted to said estate are notified and required to make payment on that date; and all persons having claims against said estate will present them on or before said date, duly proven, or be forever barred. J. C. HOLLINGSWORTH, M. H. STONE, Administrators.

March 18, 1908.

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COUNTY TEACHERS' MEETING.

Will Be Held on Saturday, March 28. The Programme.

The next meeting of the Laurens County Teachers' Association will be held in the court house at Laurens on Saturday, March 28. Following is the programme:

Physiology and Hygiene in the Public Schools—Paper by Miss Kate Addison. Discussion led by Prof. Jas. H. Shealey.

Method of Teaching Arithmetic in Primary Grades, with Blackboard Illustrations—Paper by Miss Clara Welborn. Discussion led by Prof. W. C. Duncan.

Civics in the Public Schools—Paper by Miss Ella Copeland—Discussion led by Prof. W. S. Hough.

Suggestions as to the Use of Rural Libraries—Papers by Misses Emma Dial and Pearl Blakely—Discussion led by Prof. John D. Hunter.

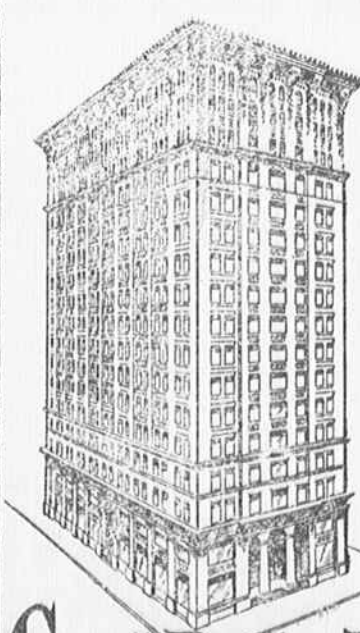
The above programme will be interesting, and the presence of every teacher in the county is earnestly desired. Free entertainment will be provided. R. W. NASH, For Committee.

For Diseases of the Skin.

Nearly all diseases of the skin, such as eczema, tetter, salt rheum and hives, are characterized by an intense itching and smarting, which often makes life a burden and disturbs sleep and rest. Quick relief may be had by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It allays the itching and smarting almost instantly. Many cases have been cured by its use. For sale by Laurens Drug Co.

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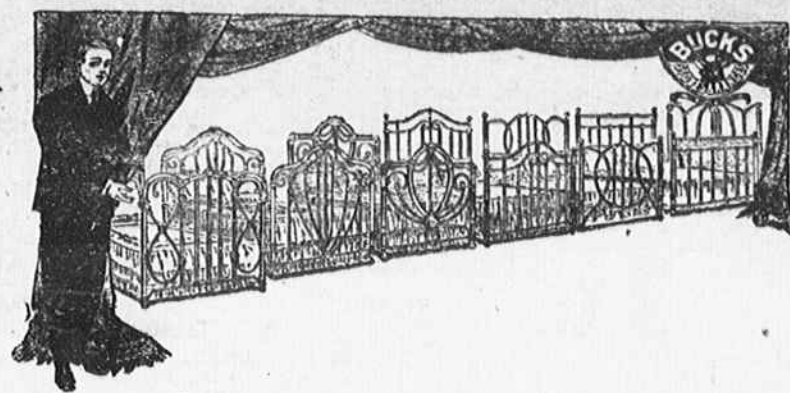
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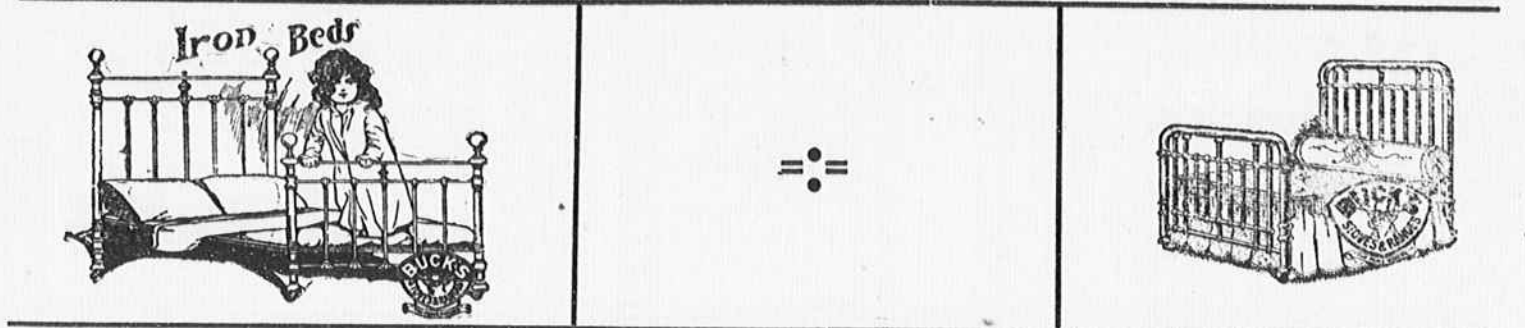
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Every department in the store received the same careful attention and is fairly teeming with choice values for the advent of Spring. A complete and varied assortment in every line enables us to serve you with the newest and best goods, and, as always, at the lowest prices.

Below we mention a few of the exceptionally good values.

Beautiful Spring Silks.

Our Silk department has blossomed forth in all the new shades for Spring.

We are showing a splendid assortment of Pongee and similar rough weaves which will be very fashionable this season as well as Taffetas, Peau de Soie, Suisine, Habutai, Foulard and wash Silks in white, black and the popular shades.

You will be astonished at the variety of these lustrous fabrics and equally so at the moderate prices.

Taffeta and Pongee, excellent quality \$1.00 yd
Other rough effects, very good quality 50 yd
Suisine in the leading shades 47 1/2 yd

Nobby New Dress Goods.

New Dress Goods are here in a tempting array, so the matter of making your selections won't be at all difficult.

We are showing stylish weaves in Serges, Panamas, Chiffon Panamas, Batiste, Mohairs, etc., in plain colors, shadow effects and herringbone stripes. The assortment was never better nor the prices lower.

Attractive Wash Fabrics.

The manufacturers of wash goods used every effort to make their products for 1908 exceed those of previous years in variety and beauty. We think they have succeeded admirably and you will share the opinion when you see the delectable assortment of Perceles in neat stripes and figures, plain and mercerized madras, chambray in dainty dependable shades, plain and mercerized gingham which will be very popular this summer, etc. Excellent values at 10c, 15c and 25c

Dainty White Goods.

For waists and dresses we have the daintiest new line of sheer, barred and striped Muslins, plain and figured Swisses, Organdy, India Linon, Persian Lawn and Madras at 19c, 25c, 35c and 50c

Linen Suitings.

For your wash suits we have unusually good values in Linen Suitings. It makes very stylish suits and dresses and wears elegantly.

In white at 25c, 40c and 50c
In colors at 25c

Winsome Neckwear.

Dainty Neckwear lends a touch of elegance to the plainest waist. Don't deny yourself a look at our assortment of pretty Collars and Ties in linen and fancy silk and lace creations. And don't miss seeing the "Merry Widow" bow which is taking every place by storm. Price 25c

It is really wonderful how those lace and embroidered collar and cuff sets brighten up a suit. Fetching patterns to select from 50c to 98c

Charming Embroideries & Laces.

You will find just the right trimming for your thin dresses or underwear in our extensive assortment of Embroideries and Laces. Many beautiful blind and eyelet patterns in Cambric, Swiss and Nainsook Flouncing, Edging, Allover Insertion and bands. Also Corset Cover Embroidery. Prices range from 5c to 50c

Pretty patterns in Cluny, Torchon, Point de Paris, Val, etc 5c, 10c, 12c and 15c

Men's Hats and Furnishings.

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We want you to see the new styles and shapes for spring. They are decidedly nobby, and, we are sure, will meet with your approval. Prices \$2 and \$3

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